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Applicant(s): Beil et al.

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For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR  
HIGH-SENSITIVITY RESOLUTION DETECTION

Dated: March 18, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 3, underneath the title insert - -BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION- -;

Page 4, between line 8 and 9 insert - -SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION- -;

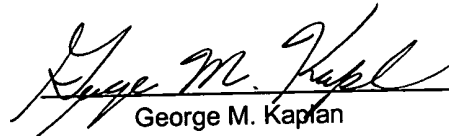
Change lines 12-16 to read as follows:

- -This task is performed with a device for high-sensitivity resolution detection of an external variable, said device having the characteristics described herein, or a method for high-sensitivity resolution detection of an external variable, said method having the characteristics described herein. Particular embodiments of the device or the method are also described herein.-;

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10**

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